

Tribal Correspondence

NOR-REL-MUK NATION

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June 5, 2003

Trinity County Planning Commission
P.O. Box 2819
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Dear Commission Members,

The Nor-Rel-Muk Nation Rejects the Recommendation regarding the adoption of the mitigation and monitoring Report – Issue: 4-8 Cultural Resources in the Hyampom Roads Improvement Project, PM 6.8 –8.3 Final Environmental impact report.

As a cultural resource representative designated by the Nor-Rel-Muk Nation Tribal Council, I reject recommendation to the above mitigation and monitoring report because in the report it indicates that the Nor-El-Muk Nation and the Wintu Cultural Council must fund the monitoring activity at their own expense.

Why is the monitoring activity of the Nor-Rel-Muk Nation not included with the Resident Engineer, Environmental Compliance Specialists and Contract Archaeologist in the STIP Construction Funding?

The Nor-Rel-Muk Nation requests a written statement from the Trinity County Planning Commission addressing the above question in the event it requires further inquiry and consultation with interested Federal and State Agencies conducting a possible investigation.

Hopefully this funding issue in question is simply an oversight error and not a case of discrimination.

Please send written correspondence to:

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Sincerely,

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cc: Trinity County Supervisors
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Bob Reiss

Wintu Education and Cultural Council
Bob Burns

Nor-Rel-Muk Nation

February 23, 2004

James C. Bard
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RE: HYAMPOM ROAD - CA FH 114 STUDY

Dear James,

Thank you for your telephone call on February 17, 2004 in regard to comments needed on segments 1 and 3 of the Hyampom Road project. The tribe has received your fax, and we have looked at the corresponding map. The area in question is part of the traditional Norailtipom village site in Hayfork, CA, which took in most of the west end of the Hayfork Valley. There are known burials in areas close to the project site, as well as possibilities of others unknown to the tribe at this time.

Therefore, the Nor Rel Muk Nation requests that a Nor Rel Muk monitor be on site at all times during excavation or during any and all ground disturbance activities; said monitor should be compensated out of project funds. Thank you for your attention to this matter, if you require anything further, or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Tribal Office at any time.

Sincerely,



(4) John W. Hayward
Tribal Chair

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March 9, 2004

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Mr. John Hayward, Tribal Chair
Nor-Rel-Muk Nation
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Dear Mr. Hayward,

Subject: Hyampom Road – CA FH 114 Study

Thank you for your reply letter of February 23, 2004. We understand that Ms. Jan Smith, Trinity County Department of Transportation, recently wrote to you explaining that the Hyampom Road project is broken into segments and that the County will be constructing Segments 1 and 3 while the FHWA will be constructing Segments 2, 4 and 5. CH2M HILL is assisting FHWA in evaluating Segments 2, 4 and 5.

Your February 23, 2004 letter to CH2M HILL indicates there are areas of cultural significance in the west end of Hayfork Valley (the area where the traditional Norailtipom village site was located). Segment 1 of the project is 3.7 miles long and is the western most segment of the roadway beginning at the junction with Route 3 in Hayfork. Because we believe you may have been referring to Segment 1 when informing us about Norailtipom, we would appreciate further clarification as to whether there are any culturally sensitive areas in Segments 2, 4 and 5. A project location map is enclosed with this letter to help clarify the locations of the different project segments.

Thank you in advance for providing us with a letter of clarification. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me either by letter or by telephone (541) 758-0235 x-3662 or e-mail (jbard@ch2m.com). Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

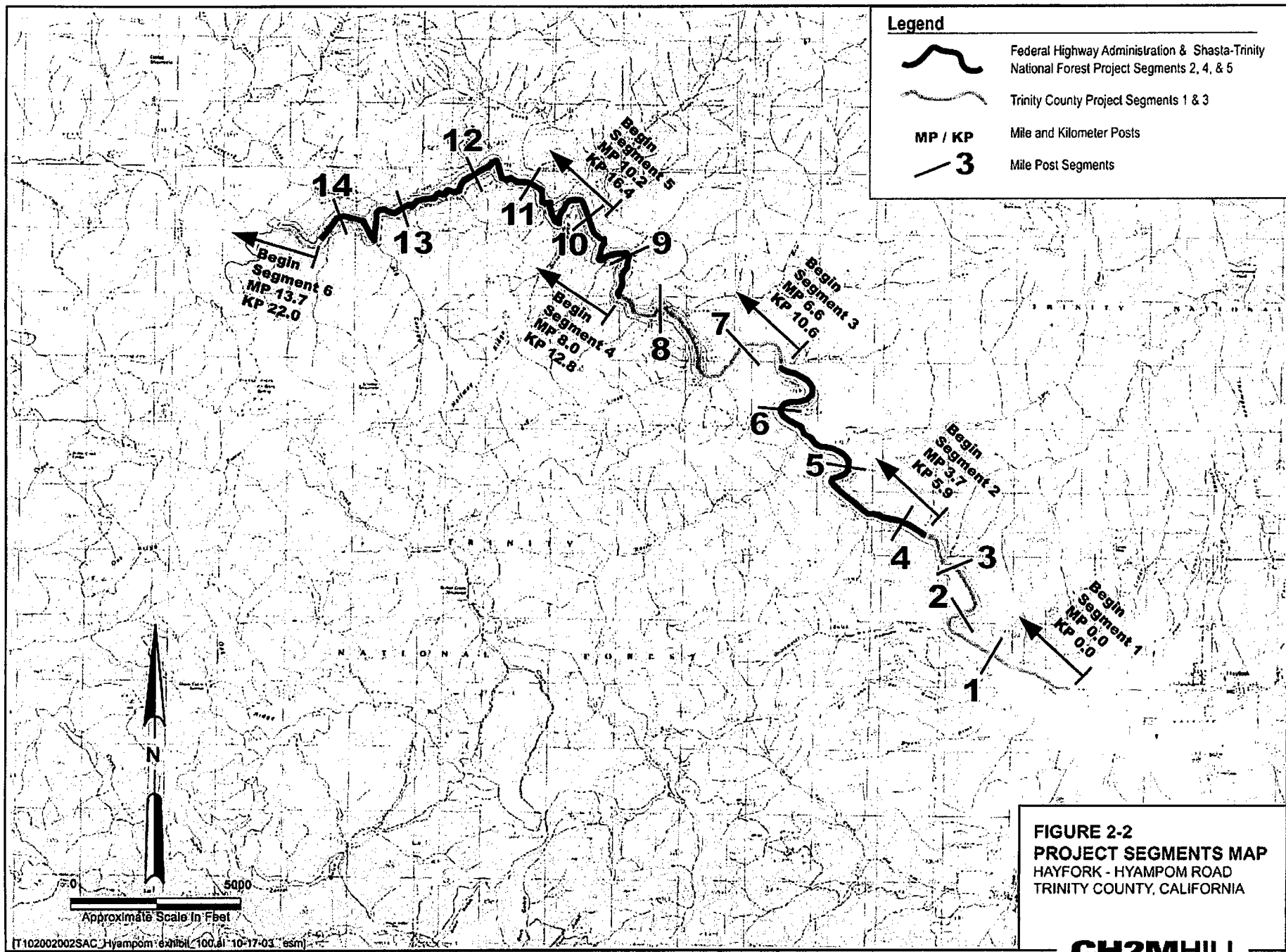
Sincerely,

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Refer to: HFHD-16

Mr. John Hayward
Tribal Chair
Nor Rel Muk
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Dear Mr. Hayward:

Subject: California Forest Highway 29, Hyampom Road
Archaeological Survey Report

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with the Forest Service and Trinity County, is performing environmental and preliminary engineering studies for the proposed improvement of California Forest Highway 114, also known as Hyampom Road. The project begins at the intersection with State Route 3 in Hayfork and proceeds 35 km (22 miles) westerly to the community of Hyampom. The proposed improvements consist of reconstructing the portions from kilometer post (KP) 5.9 to 10.6 (milepost [MP] 3.7 to 6.6) and KP 12.8 to 22.0 (MP 8.0 to 13.7). Construction is expected to follow the existing road with deviations to improve substandard curves. For more information about the project, see enclosed project newsletters.

Enclosed for your review is the *Archaeological Survey Report (Positive)* for the project. Several potential sites were identified in the area. All but one of the sites was determined ineligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. We were unable to determine the eligibility of the last site (site CA-TRI-1132), which is a pre-historic site.

We intend to perform subsurface testing of site CA-TRI-1132 in the spring of 2005 and you are invited to monitor the testing. It is FHWA's policy that we do not provide funding for tribes that are not federally recognized per 32 CFR 229.3(f). If you plan to provide monitors, please contact Ms. Stephanie Popiel, Environmental Engineer, at 720-963-3690 (email: Stephanie.Popiel@fhwa.dot.gov) or write to the above address, Attention: HFHD-16, Attn: Environment, so that we can provide you the dates of the testing.

We look forward to your input. Please send any comments to the address noted above. The FHWA appreciates your time and assistance on this project and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

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Project Manager

Enclosures

Identical letter w/enclosures to:
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bc w/o enclosures :

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Reading file

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